

Statewide Contaminated Sites Cleanup**FY2003 Request: \$5,000,000**
Reference No: 33826**AP/AL:** Appropriation**Category:** Health/Safety**Location:** Statewide**Election District:** Statewide**Estimated Project Dates:** 07/01/2002 - 06/30/2007**Project Type:** Health and Safety**Recipient:** Statewide**Contact:** Larry Dietrick**Contact Phone:** (907)465-5250**Brief Summary and Statement of Need:**

This project provides funding for assessment and cleanup of contamination at State-owned facilities and at other sites where the responsible party is unknown or has refused to take appropriate action. The work will include site assessment, development of corrective action plans, monitoring of cleanup, and closure of sites which are most threatening to public health and the environment. Cleanup work will be conducted by private specialists under contract to the department and all recoverable costs will be sought from non-state agency responsible parties, as required by statute.

Funding:

	FY2003	FY2004	FY2005	FY2006	FY2007	FY2008	Total
Oil/Haz Fd	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000		\$25,000,000
Total:	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000	\$0	\$25,000,000

<input type="checkbox"/> State Match Required	<input type="checkbox"/> One-Time Project	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased Project	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On-Going Project
0% = Minimum State Match % Required		<input type="checkbox"/> Amendment	<input type="checkbox"/> Mental Health Bill

Operating & Maintenance Costs:

	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Staff</u>
Total Operating Impact:	0	0
One-Time Startup Costs:	0	
Additional Estimated Annual O&M:	0	0

Prior Funding History / Additional Information:

Statewide Contaminated Cleanup has received prior appropriations of 3,789.0 in FY99, 5,000.0 in FY2000, 5,000.0 in FY2001 and 5,000.0 in FY2002.

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This capital project will fund investigation and cleanup of oil and hazardous substance spills that threaten human health or the environment as provided under AS 46.08.040(2)(A). The primary focus of the work is on sites where uncontrolled hazardous substance contamination threatens or pollutes drinking water supplies, fish, wildlife and subsistence resources, health of school children, and beneficial use or reuse of state property.

This request can only address the highest priority, most threatening sites. These are sites for which the state is directly responsible; where a lessor of state land has refused to take appropriate action to address contamination; where the state has had to close and cleanup leaking underground storage tank sites to meet the 1998 federal deadline; or where the responsible party is unwilling or unable to take appropriate action ("orphan" sites). There are over 160 of these sites that potentially require state funding. This funding will address the next necessary step (assessment, expedited removal, or cleanup) at approximately 30 sites.

Cleanup work at eligible sites may include a site characterization of the contaminants' source, location, volume, and threat to human health or environment, and an expedited removal of contaminated soil and containers of hazardous substances. Based on the result of the site characterization, a cleanup plan will be prepared and executed to clean up the site to a level that is protective of human health and the environment and is safe for its intended use. Long term monitoring is funded where needed to ensure the site cleanup remains effective. Cleanup work will be conducted using private spill response and contamination cleanup specialists under contract to the department. State costs will be recovered, as required by statute, from non-state agency responsible parties.